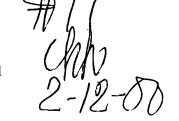
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In Re Application of:

BILLING-MEDEL, et al.

Serial No.: 09/049,695

Art Unit: 1642

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REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES

OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office Action mailed August 27, 1999.

	One month to\$55\$110	The extension fee is
<u>X</u>	Two months to <u>January 27, 2000</u> \$190 <u>X</u> \$380	The extension fee is
	Three months to \$435\$870	The extension fee is
	Four months to	. The extension fee is
	Five months to \$925 \$1,850	. The extension fee is
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	<u>X</u>	A check to cover the \$ 380 extension fee is attached.					
		Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.					
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.							
					Respectfully submitted,		
Date: _	Jan	27,20	00	Ву: _	Dahna S. Pasternak Registration No. 41,411 Attorney for Applicants		

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